



Dear Parents

Friday 9th November 2018

Welcome back to school. We hope that you all had a restful half term.

There are lots of things you can talk to your children about this weekend:

- Learning Super Heroes that we have introduced across school
- The fabulous changes we have made to playtimes
- Also, if your child is lucky enough to be doing Forest School this half term, find out what they have been learning - it's amazing!

This is going to be a very busy half term and I'm already looking forward to hearing the sounds of Christmas songs when the practising starts in earnest later on this month!

Communication

There are a number of ways in which we communicate with parents across school. In order to provide parents with up-to-date information on what is happening and has happened across school, we use online communication including:

- Akrotiri School website - This has the 18/19 and 19/20 school calendars published alongside other whole school information
- Akrotiri School Facebook page - Sharing learning, events and information
Please remember to answer the 3 questions in order to be accepted as a member of the group and that this website is not a means of communicating with the school
- Tapestry (FS1 and FS2) - Sharing learning and events
- Class Dojo (Year 1 to Year 6) - Sharing learning and events / messaging
- Seesaw (Trial of parent link in KS1) - Sharing learning
- Parent mail text service - Providing time sensitive information

Please ensure that you are signed up to the online communication platforms that are relevant to your children and that you keep your emergency contact details up-to-date with the school office.

We intend to publish a hard copy Monthly School Newsletter to supplement the information shared electronically.

Each family will have received a letter alongside this newsletter regarding the change in Headship at Akrotiri School.

Parking and safety

We have very limited parking spaces in front of main school and Foundation Stage. Please avoid parking in the school staff car parks as they are for authorised use only and are in constant use. Parent parking is available elsewhere. No parking is authorised in front of the Foundation Stage building at drop off or pick up times.

Dates for your diary

Children in Need - Friday 16th November

Wear your own clothes next Friday and make a donation.

Parent Consultations - Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th November

Teachers will be sending further information home next week.

Non-uniform day - Friday 30th November

Wear your own clothes and bring a donation for the PTA Christmas Fair Tombola, preferably with a Christmas theme (All consumable items must be within their expiry date).

Christmas Performances

We are currently agreeing the timetable of performances across school but would like to give notice that FS2 to Y6 performances will take place week commencing 10th December and FS1 performances will be week commencing 18th December.

PTA Christmas Fair

This will take place in the school playground (weather permitting) on Thursday 6th December.

FS1 New Starters

Please can any parents with children turning 3 before the 31st of March ensure that they have completed an enrolment form. These are available in the Foundation Stage office from Mrs Brett or Mrs Ball. We will then give you further relevant information and add your child's name to our system.

Remembrance Time Capsule

This week, SSgt D Blayney and his colleagues kindly talked to the children about Remembrance Day during their Key Stage assemblies. To commemorate the WW1 centenary, he showed a time capsule that will be buried within the school grounds. It would be great for children to bring into school letters, poems, photos or pictures that they have produced at home, relating to their time here at RAF Akrotiri. They might like to share their stories of serving family members past or present. The capsule is very large so pictures/paintings are not too restricted on size.

The time capsule will remain open, in the school entrance until Monday 19th November. It would be fantastic to have a contribution from pupils across school.

We look forward to seeing all the contributions. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Louise Henry